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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE-SOVIET TALKS ON POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN
NON-FERROUS METALLURGY, ENERGY, CHEMISTRY

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1. SUMMARY. PORTUGUESE DELEGATION VISITING USSR FEB 17-23
HAS SIGNED PROTOCOL ON POSSIBLE BILATERAL COOPERATION IN NON-
FERROUS METALLURGY, ENERGY AND CHEMISTRY. PORTUGUESE CABINET
SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRY AND ENERGY LEADING GOUUP HAS STRESSED
INTEREST IN ACCELERATED EXPLOITATION CERTAIN PORTUGUESE
MINERALS AND CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT WITH USSR IN NEAR
FUTURE. SOVIET DELEGATION TO GO TO PORTUGAL FOR FURTHER TALKS.
END SUMMARY.

2. PORTUGUESE DELEGATION LED BY STATE SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRY
AND ENERGY TORRES CAMPOS REPORTEDLY LEFT MOSCOW FEB 23. ONLY
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ANNOUNCED RESULT OF VISIT WAS FEB 21 SIGNATURE OF PROTOCOL

AT SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON "RESULTS OF CONVERSATIONS ON COOPERATION IN NON-FERROUS METALLURGY AND ENERGY WHICH TOOK PLACE BETWEEN MEMBERS OF DELEGATION AND REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE COMMITTEE, OTHER MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS."

3. TASS VESTNIK, ECONOMIC PUBLICATION WHICH OFTEN CARRIES MORE DETAILS THAN CENTRAL PRESS, HAS REPORTED THAT DELEGATION ALSO VISITED ENTERPRISES AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS IN LENINGRAD AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS AT STATE COMMITTEE ALSO COVERED POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN CHEMISTRY. VESTNIK QUOTES CAMPOS AS SAYING THAT PORTUGAL INTERESTED IN ACCELERATING EXPLOITATION OF ITS LARGE DEPOSITS OF NEPHELINES, PYRITES AND LIGNITES AND ALSO IN CONSTRUCTION OF NECESSARY PROCESSING INDUSTRIES. CONSEQUENTLY DELEGATION REVIEWED POSSIBLE BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH APPROPRIATE SOVIET MINISTRIES. CAMPOS ALSO STRESSED THAT PRESENT VISIT "IS ONLY THE BEGINNING" AND THAT HE HOPED THAT IN NEAR FUTURE A MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS AGREEMENT WOULD BE CONCLUDED.

4. ON FEB 24 VESTNIK REPORTED THAT SOVIET DELEGATION EXPECTED TO GO TO PORTUGAL TO CONTINUE TALKS.
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